

## Safety Data Sheet

### 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** Acetate Buffer, pH 4.0

**Product Code(s):** A1000

**Synonyms:** Sodium Acetate – Acetic Acid Buffer

**Recommended Use:** For manufacturing, industrial, and laboratory use only. For use as a laboratory reagent.

**Uses Advised Against:** Not for food, drug, or household use.

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Hazard Classifications:**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Skin Corrosion/Irritation:                        | Category 1A |
| Eye Damage/Irritation:                            | Category 1  |
| Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure): | Category 3  |
| Aspiration Hazard:                                | Category 1  |

**Signal Word:** DANGER

**Hazard Statements:** Causes severe skin burns and serious eye damage.  
May cause respiratory irritation.  
May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

**Pictograms:**



**Precautionary Statements:**

**Prevention:** Do not breathe fumes, mists, vapors, or spray.  
Wash thoroughly after handling.  
Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection, and face protection.  
Use only outdoors or in a well ventilated area.

**Response:** Immediately call a poison center or doctor.  
If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

**Storage:** Store locked up.  
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

**Disposal:** Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** This product may be toxic to reproduction.  
Excessive exposure may cause skin or respiratory sensitization and tooth decay.

**Toxicity Statement:** Not applicable.

### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| Component                  | Common Name / Synonyms            | CAS#      | Chemical Formula   | % by Weight |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|-------------|
| Water                      | Water                             | 7732-18-5 | H <sub>2</sub> O   | 36.4        |
| Acetic Acid                | Ethanoic Acid; Alcohol of Vinegar | 64-19-7   | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                       | 41.7        |
| Sodium Acetate, Trihydrate | Acetic Acid, Sodium Salt          | 6131-90-4 | NaC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> • 3H <sub>2</sub> O | 21.9        |

**Trade Secret Statement:** Not applicable.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### First Aid Procedures:

**Inhalation:** Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. WARNING! It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled or ingested material is toxic, infectious, or corrosive. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Get medical attention immediately.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that vomit does not enter lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.

**Skin Contact:** Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Wash clothing before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.

**Eye Contact:** Check for and remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Immediately flush eyes with gentle but large stream of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

**General Advice:** Poison information centers in each state can provide additional assistance for scheduled poisons. Ensure that medical personnel and those providing first aid are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.

**Symptoms and Effects:** Irritation, blistering, burns, visual disturbances, metabolic acidosis, suffocation, shortness of breath, coughing, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, blindness, bronchitis, and cardiovascular effects. Corrosive. Harmful if swallowed or inhaled. Causes burns and damage to the eyes, skin, respiratory tract, and gastrointestinal tract. May affect the mucous membranes, blood, brain, urinary system, liver, eyes, and kidneys. Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause tooth damage, skin discoloration, and respiratory irritation. Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause mutagenic effects, skin sensitization, and adverse reproductive effects.

**Immediate Medical Care/  
Special Treatment:** Immediate medical attention is required. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Treat symptomatically.

## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Water spray, dry powder, alcohol resistant foam, carbon dioxide.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:** Do not use a solid (straight) water stream, as it may scatter and spread fire.

**Hazardous Combustion  
Products:** Carbon oxides, sodium oxides.

**Specific Hazards:** Excessive thermal conditions may yield corrosive and/or toxic fumes. Vapor from the solvent may accumulate in container headspace, resulting in flammability hazard. High vapor concentration in air may cause an explosion hazard.

**Special Protective Equipment/  
Precautions for Firefighters:** As in any fire, wear MSHA/NIOSH approved (or equivalent), self-contained, positive-pressure or pressure-demand breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to cool unopened containers. Move containers from fire area, if you can do so without risk. Spilled product may evaporate and leave a combustible residue. In the event of fire and/or explosion, do not breathe fumes.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal Precautions and  
Protective Equipment:** Ventilate area of leak or spill. Isolate hazard area and keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel away from the area of the leak or spill. Keep upwind. Keep out of low areas. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing.

**Emergency Procedures:** In case of chemical emergency, or if unsure how to address an accidental release, consult a professional (see Section 1).

**Methods for Containment:** Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements, or confined areas. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Product should not be released to the environment. Contain and recover liquid when possible.

**Methods for Cleanup:** Absorb spill with an inert material (e.g. vermiculite, dry sand, earth, cloth, or fleece) and place in a non-combustible container for reclamation or disposal. Do not flush to sewer. Clean contaminated surface thoroughly. Residues from spills can be neutralized with dilute sodium carbonate solution and absorbed with water. Never return spills in original containers for reuse. Clean up in accordance with all applicable regulations.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:** Wear personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Use only in well-ventilated areas. Provide sufficient air exchange and/or exhaust in work areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not ingest. When using, do not eat,

drink, or smoke. Keep away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). Limit exposure to air. Use caution when opening product container, as pressure buildup may occur. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash thoroughly after handling. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty, as they retain product residues. Observe all warnings and precautions listed for this product.

**Storage:**

Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Store in a segregated and approved area away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). Store in original container. Keep containers tightly closed and upright. Keep away from food, drink, and animal foodstuffs. Keep out of the reach of children. Ground container and transfer equipment. Comply with all national, state, and local codes pertaining to the storage, handling, dispensing, and disposal of this product.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Exposure Limits:**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Water:                      | No information found.   |
| Acetic Acid:                | ACGIH: TWA: 10 ppm<br>STEL: 15 ppm<br>OSHA: PEL: 10 ppm<br>NIOSH: IDLH: 50 ppm<br>TWA: 10 ppm<br>STEL: 15 ppm |
| Sodium Acetate, Trihydrate: | No information found.   |

**Engineering Controls:**

Ensure adequate ventilation. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level.

**Personal Protective Measures:**

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles and a face shield. Maintain approved eye wash station and accessible rinse facilities in work area.

**Skin Protection:** Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing (with long sleeves) and appropriate chemical resistant gloves.

**Respiratory Protection:** An air-purifying, NIOSH-approved respirator with appropriate cartridge or canister may be permissible under certain circumstances where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits. Use a positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator if there is any potential for an uncontrolled release, if exposure levels are unknown, or if any other circumstances exist where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.

**Specific Requirements for Personal Protective Equipment:**

Ensure that glove material is compatible with this product. This information is available from glove manufacturers.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

*Unless otherwise indicated, all properties are given at 25 °C and standard pressure.*

|                        |                                |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Appearance:</b>     | Colorless, transparent liquid. |
| <b>Odor:</b>           | Pungent, vinegar.              |
| <b>Odor Threshold:</b> | < 1 ppm (estimated)            |
| <b>Formula Weight:</b> | Mixture.                       |

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| <b>pH:</b>                                      | 4.0                   |
| <b>Melting/Freezing Point:</b>                  | No information found. |
| <b>Boiling Point/Range:</b>                     | No information found. |
| <b>Decomposition Temperature:</b>               | No information found. |
| <b>Flash Point:</b>                             | Not applicable.       |
| <b>Auto-ignition Temperature:</b>               | Not applicable.       |
| <b>Flammability:</b>                            | Not flammable.        |
| <b>Flammability/Explosive Limits:</b>           | Not applicable.       |
| <b>Solubility:</b>                              | Miscible with water.  |
| <b>Vapor Pressure:</b>                          | No information found. |
| <b>Vapor Density:</b>                           | No information found. |
| <b>Specific Gravity:</b>                        | 1.11 (Water = 1)      |
| <b>Evaporation Rate:</b>                        | No information found. |
| <b>Viscosity:</b>                               | No information found. |
| <b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b> | No information found. |

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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| <b>Reactivity Data:</b>                    | Corrosive to several materials, especially certain metals.  |
| <b>Chemical Stability:</b>                 | Stable under normal conditions. Sensitive to air.   |
| <b>Conditions to Avoid:</b>                | Heat, exposure to air, incompatible materials.  |
| <b>Incompatible Materials:</b>             | Oxidizing agents, strong bases, metals, amines, carbonates, phosphates.   |
| <b>Hazardous Decomposition Products:</b>   | Carbon oxides, sodium oxides, hydrogen.   |
| <b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:</b> | May react vigorously, violently, or explosively if exposed to excess thermal conditions or in contact with the incompatible materials listed above. Contact with metals may yield hazardous concentrations of hydrogen gas. |
| <b>Hazardous Polymerization:</b>           | Will not occur.   |

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Routes of Exposure:</b> | Inhalation, ingestion, skin contact, eye contact.  |
| <b>Acute Effects:</b>      | Corrosive. Harmful if swallowed or inhaled. Causes burns and damage to the eyes, skin, respiratory tract, and gastrointestinal tract. May affect the mucous membranes, blood, brain, urinary system, liver, eyes, and kidneys. |
| <b>Chronic Effects:</b>    | Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause tooth damage, skin discoloration, and respiratory irritation. Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause mutagenic effects, skin sensitization, and adverse reproductive effects.       |
| <b>Toxicological Data:</b> | Water: Not applicable.   |

Acetic Acid: LD<sub>50</sub> Oral, Rat: 3310 mg/kg  
LC<sub>50</sub> Inhalation, Rat: 11.4 mg/L 4 h  
LD<sub>50</sub> Dermal, Rabbit: 1060 mg/kg  
May cause reproductive effects based on animal data.

Sodium Acetate, *Anhydrous*: LD<sub>50</sub> Oral, Rat: 3530 mg/kg  
LD<sub>50</sub> Dermal, Rabbit: > 10,000 mg/kg  
LC<sub>50</sub> Inhalation, Rat: > 30 mg/L 1 h  
May cause mild skin and eye irritation based on animal data.

**Symptoms of Exposure:** Irritation, blistering, burns, visual disturbances, metabolic acidosis, suffocation, shortness of breath, coughing, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, blindness, bronchitis, and cardiovascular effects.

**Carcinogenic Effects:** No component of this product is considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicological Data:** Water:  
Not applicable.

Acetic Acid:  
EC<sub>50</sub>, Water Flea (*Daphnia magna*): 47 mg/L 24 h  
LC<sub>50</sub>, Fathead Minnow (*Pimephales promelas*): 88 mg/L 96 h  
LC<sub>50</sub>, Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): > 1000 mg/L 96 h

Sodium Acetate, *Anhydrous*:  
EC<sub>50</sub>, Water Flea (*Daphnia magna*): > 1000 mg/L 48 h  
LC<sub>50</sub>, Fathead Minnow (*Pimphales promelas*): 13,300 mg/L 120 h

**Persistence and Degradability:** Expected to be readily biodegradable and unlikely to bioaccumulate.

**Environmental Effects:** May be harmful to aquatic organisms. Avoid release to the environment.

## 13. DISPOSAL INFORMATION

**Disposal Instructions:** All wastes must be handled in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. Minimize exposure to product waste (see Section 8). Do not dispose unused waste down drains or into sewers.

**Contaminated Packaging:** Because emptied containers retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Offer rinsed packaging material to local recycling facilities.

**Waste Codes:** D002: Waste Corrosive Material (pH ≤ 2 or pH ≥ 12.5 or corrosive to steel)

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT:**

**UN Number:** UN2790

**Proper Shipping Name:** Acetic acid solution

**Hazard Class:** 8

**Packing Group:** II

**ERG Number:** 153

**Environmental Hazard Regulations:** No information found.

**Other Transport Precautions:** Acetic Acid: DOT Reportable Quantity: 5000 lb

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### U.S. Federal Regulations:

**OSHA:** This product is considered a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

**TSCA Inventory:** All components of this product are on the U.S. TSCA Inventory.

### U.S. EPCRA (SARA Title III):

**Section 302:** No information found.

**Sections 311/312:**

| Hazard Category                  | List (Yes/No) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Section 311 – Hazardous Chemical | Yes           |
| Immediate Hazard                 | Yes           |
| Delayed Hazard                   | Yes           |
| Fire Hazard                      | No            |
| Pressure Hazard                  | No            |
| Reactivity Hazard                | No            |

**Section 313:** No information found.

**CERCLA Reportable Quantities:** Acetic Acid, Glacial: 5000 lb

### International Inventories:

| Country or Region | Inventory Name   | On Inventory (Yes/No)* |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|
| Australia         | Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)                     | N/A                    |
| Canada            | Domestic Substances List (DSL)   | N/A                    |
| Canada            | Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)                                    | N/A                    |
| China             | Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)             | N/A                    |
| Europe            | European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS) | N/A                    |
| Europe            | European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)                 | N/A                    |
| Japan             | Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)               | N/A                    |
| Korea             | Existing Chemicals List (ECL)  | N/A                    |
| Philippines       | Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)      | N/A                    |

\*A "Yes" indicates that the listed component(s) of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s).

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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